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1. Goetzendorf

On 21 May 1955, 9 x 122-mm M-38 field howitzers and 4 x 76-mm field guns were observed at the barracks installation southeast of Goetzendorf. Vehicles parked at the installation included 54 trucks, 6 van-like trucks and 3 jeeps. Trucks

\_\_\_\_\_ were observed. Vehicular traffic included van-like trucks \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Ten tanks including 6 T-34-76 tanks with perforated track wheels, and 4 T-34 tank chassis with a turret which had two hatches and a gun tube were engaged in driving practice. The turrets and the gun tubes had a length of about one meter each. Five T-34/76 tanks were equipped with a rod antenna.

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2. Vienna

On 19 May, five majors with black-bordered red epaulets and three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the Trost Kaserne in Vienna. The installation was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. Vehicular traffic included van-like truck \_\_\_\_\_ and ambulance \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Two gun crews of five soldiers each supervised by a sublieutenant practiced with 2 x 14.5-mm four-barreled SPU-4 AA machine guns on the drill ground south of the Trost Kaserne. A barrel, without breach, was about one meter long. The weapons were considerably smaller than the three four-barreled AA machine guns towed by trucks which were observed on the same drill ground on 26 January. They were similar to the four-barreled AA machine guns of the air force AA battalion which were last observed at the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt on 5 November 1954. Other soldiers practiced with two light AA guns of a type similar to that observed at the parking lot north of Kaisersteinbruch on 10 May. The two weapons were towed by soldiers from the drill ground to the garage near the water tower at 3 Windten Strasse. Two van-like trucks \_\_\_\_\_ were seen in the yard of the installation. Vehicles observed at the garage at 83 Pernertorfer Gasse included 26 trucks \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Traiskirchen

On 19 May, 5 armored half-track vehicles, 8 x 57-mm AT guns, 34 trucks,

6 van-like vehicles and 2 tank trucks stood in the southern section of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt. Except for antenna masts which were removed in January, no change was observed with the large radio station in the western sector of the installation. 3

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1. Comment. The 1022d Arty Regt and the 55th Tk Tng Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div are stationed in Goetzendorf. The vehicle belong to units in Goetzendorf.

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2. Comment. The equipment of a mechanized regiment with 14.5-mm four-barreled AA machine guns was also observed in the GDR. The present report, however, indicates that the four-barreled AA machine guns seen on 26 January 1955 were probably of the 25-mm type. It is unusual that a mechanized regiment should be equipped with 25-mm AA machine guns.

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3. Comment. The report indicates no change in the occupation of Traiskirchen.

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